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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RAIL ROUTES CONNECTING NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rail routes connecting neighbouring countries alongwith those for which a dialogue is going on; and

(b) the country-wise details of the agreements signed by the Railways with other neighbouring countries in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3605 BY SHRIMATI BHAVANA P. GAWALI AND SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE IN LOK SABHA ON 17.04.2008 REGARDING RAIL ROUTES CONNECTING NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES.

(a) and (b) : The details of the existing rail routes connecting neighbouring countries viz. Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal are as under:

Route	Remarks
Attari (India)-Wagah (Pakistan)	Used for both Passenger and Goods Traffic
Munnabao (India) – Khokrapar (Pakistan)	Used for Passenger Traffic only
Gede (India) – Darsana (Bangladesh)	Used for both Goods and Passenger Traffic
Singhabad (India)-Rohanpur (Bangladesh)	Used for Goods Traffic only
Petrapole (India) – Benapole (Bangladesh)	Used for Goods Traffic only
Radhikapur (India) – Birol (Bangladesh)	Closed for gauge conversion on Indian side on 01.04.2005
Mahisasan (India)-Shahbazpur (Bangladesh)	Not operational since December 1996 due to breaches
Raxaul (India)-Birgunj (Nepal)	Used for Goods Traffic only

The agreement with Bangladesh for introduction of passenger train services between Kolkata and Dhaka Cantt. via Gede-Darsana route for which dialogue was going on has been concluded recently.

Apart from existing lines, survey has been conducted for new rail links with Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh are as under:

Name of the country	Name of survey for New Line	Kms
Bhutan	Hasimara (India) to Phuentsholing	18
	Banarhat (India) to Samtse	16
	Rangia (India) to Samdrupjongkhar (Bhutan)	60
	Kokrajhar (India) to Gelephu (Bhutan)	70
	Pathsala (India) to Nanglam (Bhutan)	40
Nepal	Nepalganj Road (India) to Nepalganj (Nepal)	12
	Nautanwa (India) to Bhairawaha (Nepal)	15
	Jogbani (India) to Biratnagar (Nepal)	17
	New Jalpaiguri (India) to Kakrabitta (Nepal)	46
	Jaynagar (India) to Bardibas (Nepal)	70
Bangladesh	Agartala (India) to Akhaura (Bangladesh), Survey in Indian Territory completed.	12